

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11-20 and 22-37 are pending prior to entering this amendment. The Examiner objects to claims 15-16, 24-27 and 30-33 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner rejects claims 1-9, 11-14, 17-20, 22-23, 28-29 and 34-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Zerbe (U.S. Patent 6,396,329).

The applicant amends claims 2-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 22, 24, 29 and 30.

The applicant cancels claims 1, 12, 14, 17, 23, 28 and 34-37 without prejudice.

The application remains with claims 2-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 22, 24-27 and 29-33 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

Claims Allowable

The applicant thank examiner Tran for indicating allowable claims 15-16, 24-27 and 30-33.

The applicant rewrites claims 15-16, 24 and 30 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and any intervening claim.

The applicant amends claims 2-9, 11 and 13 to depend from allowable claim 15.

The applicant amends claims 18-20 and 22 to depend from allowable claim 24.

The applicant amends claim 29 to depend from allowable claim 30.

Claims 2-9, 11, 13, 15-16, 18-20, 22, 24-27 and 29-33 are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

While the applicants do not agree with the examiner's interpretation of Zerbe as it pertains to the application, the applicants amend the claims to depend from allowable claims to expedite issuance.

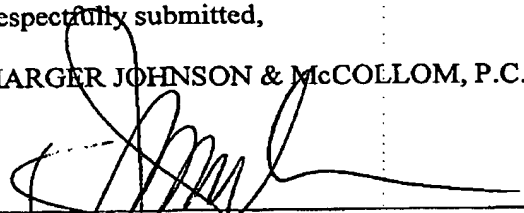
Conclusion

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all claims. The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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